

Resources for Acquiring Funding & Supplies

Excess Access (<http://www.excessaccess.com/index.html>): Excess Access matches donations from businesses and households with wish lists provided by non-profit organizations. Non-profits are responsible for picking up items, and there is a \$5 annual fee. Although it may be challenging to get specific items in a timely fashion, over time you may still be able to acquire what you need.

The Foundation Center: Foundation Finder

(<http://foundationcenter.org/findfunders/foundfinder>): The Foundation Finder is a free search engine where you can search for foundations by name or location. Your search results will include contact information and relevant tax and financial information, including how much the foundation gave in the previous year.

Freecycle (<http://www.freecycle.org/>): The Freecycle Network is made up of local groups across the globe with members who offer their gently used items to each other. You can also request items. Although it may be challenging to get specific items in a timely fashion, over time you may still be able to acquire what you need.

Fundsnet Services Online: Grant-makers in Washington

(<http://www.fundsnetervices.com/washignt.htm>): A list of grant-makers in Washington, many of whom support youth and/or civic related activities.

Nonprofit Genie: Asking for a Gift

(<http://www.compasspoint.org/askgenie/details.php?id=56>): This article outlines the basic process of asking for in-kind donations and includes some examples of how to respond to potential donors in a variety of situations.

Non-profit Guides (<http://www.npguides.org/index.html>): Non-profit Guides is a good place to start for those with less experience seeking grants. It breaks down the process of applying for grants into steps and provides tips as well as samples for each stage of the process. It is also entirely free.

NOZA, Inc. (<https://www.nozasearch.com>): NOZA is the largest searchable database of donations and grants on the Internet. You can sort by name, cause, donor, region, year, or amount. Searching for foundations is free, but you can also search for individual and corporate donors for a fee. The fee purchases "credits" to view the individual and corporate listings (starting at \$25 for 200 credits); there is no membership fee.

Philanthropy News Digest: Request for Proposals (<http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp>): Philanthropy News Digest, a service of the Foundation Center, offers a list of currently available RFPs that can be searched or browsed by subject.

Philanthropy Northwest (<http://www.philanthropynw.org/default.asp>): Provides additional information and resources for grant seekers. Home to the Common Grant Application (<http://www.philanthropynw.org/grant/common-app.htm>), which is accepted by many foundations in the Pacific Northwest.

Servenet.org (<http://servenet.org>): Not only does Servenet.org have a list of grants (<http://servenet.org/Toolkit/InProgress/Grants/tabid/137/Default.aspx>), but many of them are related to youth service or service-learning. Servenet.org also provides additional resources (<http://servenet.org/Default.aspx?TabId=209>) related to civic engagement.

Social Actions: Comparison of Platforms (<http://www.socialactions.com/platforms/fees>): Social Actions, besides being a social action platform itself, also offers this comparison of other social action platforms. These platforms can be used similarly to social networking sites (e.g. Facebook, MySpace) and often have tools to generate donations through their sites.